

DAVISS COUNTY

COMMUNITY PROFILE

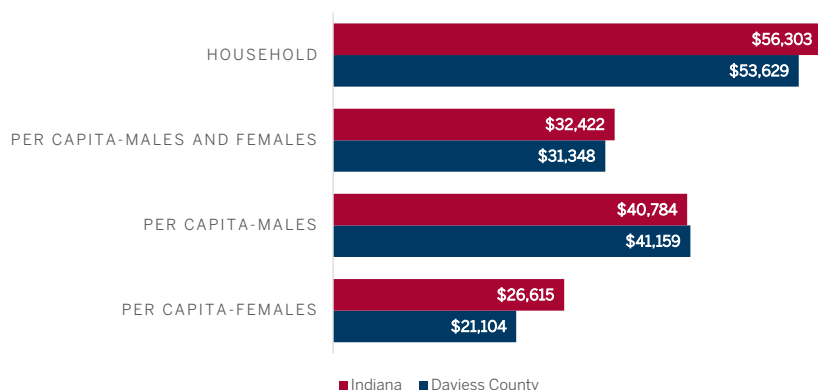
Facts, figures, and things to know about the people and places in Daviess County.

Household Demographics

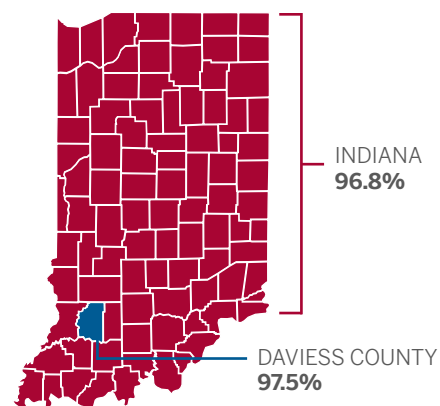
According to population estimates, there are 33,120 people who live in Daviess County.¹

The median household income for Daviess County is approximately \$2,500 lower than the state average.² There is a very large wage disparity between women and men in the county, with women earning approximately \$20,000 less than men on average. This pay gap is \$6,000 greater than the state average.³ The employment rate for Daviess County is about 1 percent higher than the state average, with most residents of Daviess County being employed.⁴

MEDIAN INCOME FOR NON-DISABLED ADULTS

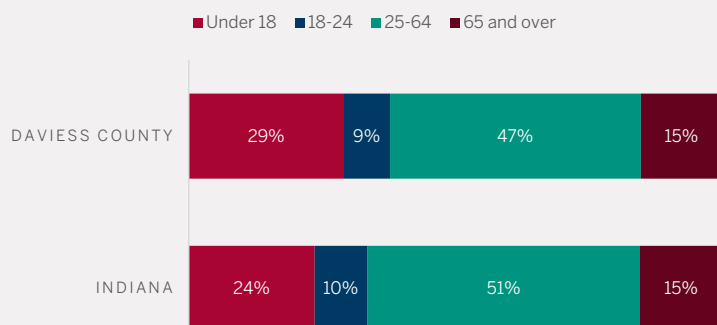


ADULTS EMPLOYED



The median age for Daviess County is approximately three years lower than the state's median age. There is a larger than average percentage of residents below the age of 18 in Daviess County and a smaller than average percentage of residents age 25–64.⁵

PERCENT OF POPULATION



MEDIAN AGE

37.7
INDIANA

34.4
DAVISS COUNTY



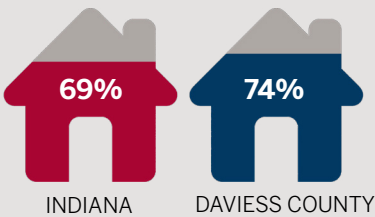
LARGE AMISH SETTLEMENT

Daviess County is one of the most unique communities in Indiana. With more than 4,800 Amish residents, Daviess County is the seventh largest Amish settlement in the United States. The Amish community embodies simple living and is known for homemade comfort food featured at restaurants such as the Gasthof Amish Village, and Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant. Dinky's Auction House offers a variety of Amish-made goods and food products along with weekly horse auctions.⁶

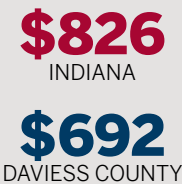
Housing

Almost three-quarters of all Daviess County residents own the home that they live in, which is slightly higher than the state average. Residents also pay about \$130 less in monthly rent payments on average.⁷ About 60 percent of the homes in Daviess County are 40 years or older, while about 40 percent are worth less than \$100,000.⁸ Multi-family housing comprises approximately 14 percent of housing options in Daviess County, and slightly more than a tenth of houses in the county are vacant. About 13 percent of households in Daviess County qualify as having a severe housing problem (overcrowding, high housing costs, or lack of kitchen or plumbing facilities), which is the same as the state average.⁹

PERCENT OF OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS



MEDIAN RENT PAYMENT

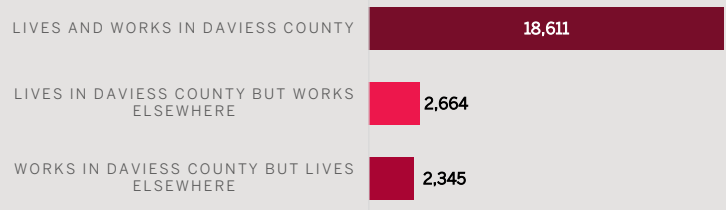


HOUSING CHALLENGES

BUILT PRIOR TO 1980	59.9%
HOUSES VALUED AT LESS THAN 100K	39.3%
MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING	13.7%
VACANT HOUSING UNITS	10.6%

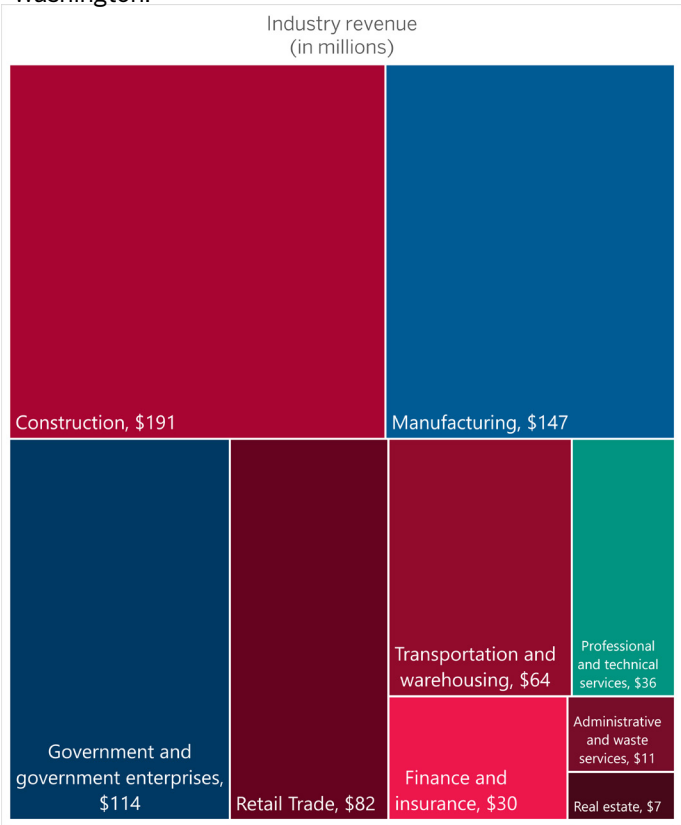
COMMUTING

Almost 80 percent of Daviess County workers both work and live in their county of residence, with over 18,500 people working and living in the county. 10 percent of workers live in Daviess County and work elsewhere, and another 10 percent live in a different county and work in Daviess county.¹⁰



Industry

The top three industries in Daviess County are Construction; Manufacturing; and Government and Government Enterprises.¹¹ The top three major employers in the county are Daviess Community Hospital, Boyd & Sons Inc, and Walmart Supercenter, all located in Washington.¹²



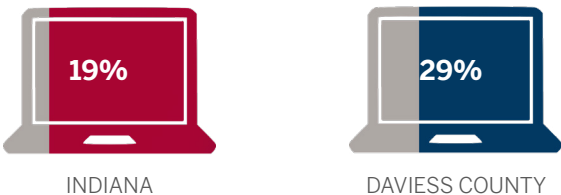
Technology

Access to the internet provides communities with a number of opportunities, from educational tools, to telemedicine, to the ability for local businesses to sell to people around the world. High speed broadband (25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload) allows for the most effective use of new technology that links rural communities to resources worldwide.¹³ Daviess County residents with an internet connection experience average internet speeds compared to the rest of the state, however, 29 percent of households in the county do not have internet access available to them.¹⁴

MEDIAN DOWNLOAD ↑ UPLOAD SPEED (MBPS)



PERCENT OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH NO INTERNET ACCESS



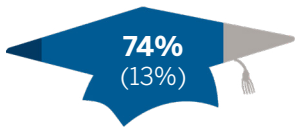
Educational Attainment

Daviess County is home to two public school corporations, the North Daviess County Community School Corporation and the Barr-Reeve Community School Corporation. Approximately 74 percent of Daviess County residents age 25 years or older are high school graduates and 13 percent of county residents have a bachelor's degree or higher. Both statistics are below the state averages of 89 percent and 27 percent, respectively.¹⁵ Almost all high school graduates in Daviess County complete their degree within four years.¹⁶ In comparison to the rest of the state, students in Daviess County are more likely to pass the ISTEP 10th grade math and language arts exams combined, with approximately 36 percent of students passing.¹⁷ 12th grade students in Daviess County are more likely to take the SAT than the ACT; about 52 percent of 12th grade students take the SAT while 26 percent take the ACT.¹⁸

% WITH HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA (BACHELOR'S DEGREE)



INDIANA



DAVIESS COUNTY

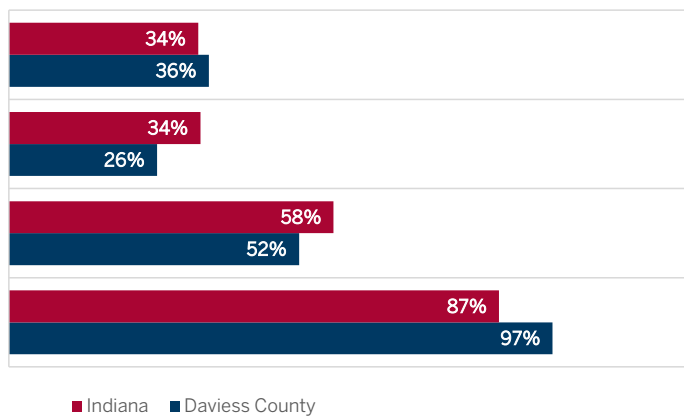
COMBINED ISTEP PASS IN ENGLISH AND MATH

12TH GRADERS TAKING ACT

12TH GRADERS TAKING SAT

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES IN 4 YEARS

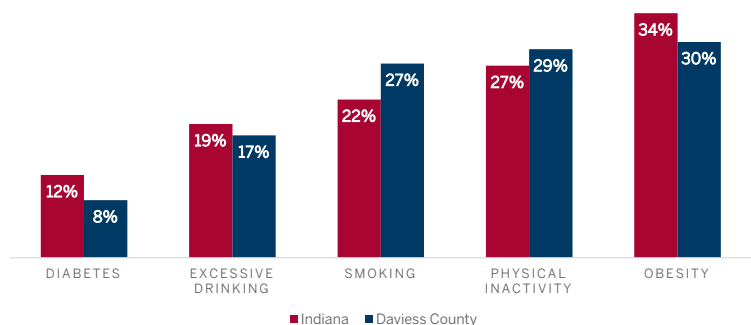
COLLEGE READINESS



Health

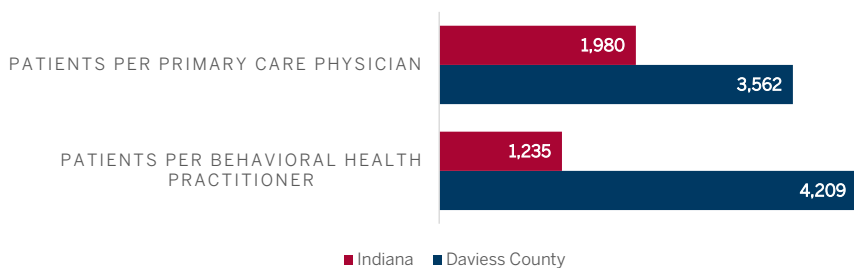
Health indicators for Daviess County indicate that residents are slightly less likely be diagnosed with diabetes, drink excessively, and be obese than the average Hoosier.¹⁹ Residents are more likely to smoke and be physically inactive in comparison to the state average.²⁰

HEALTH RISK FACTORS



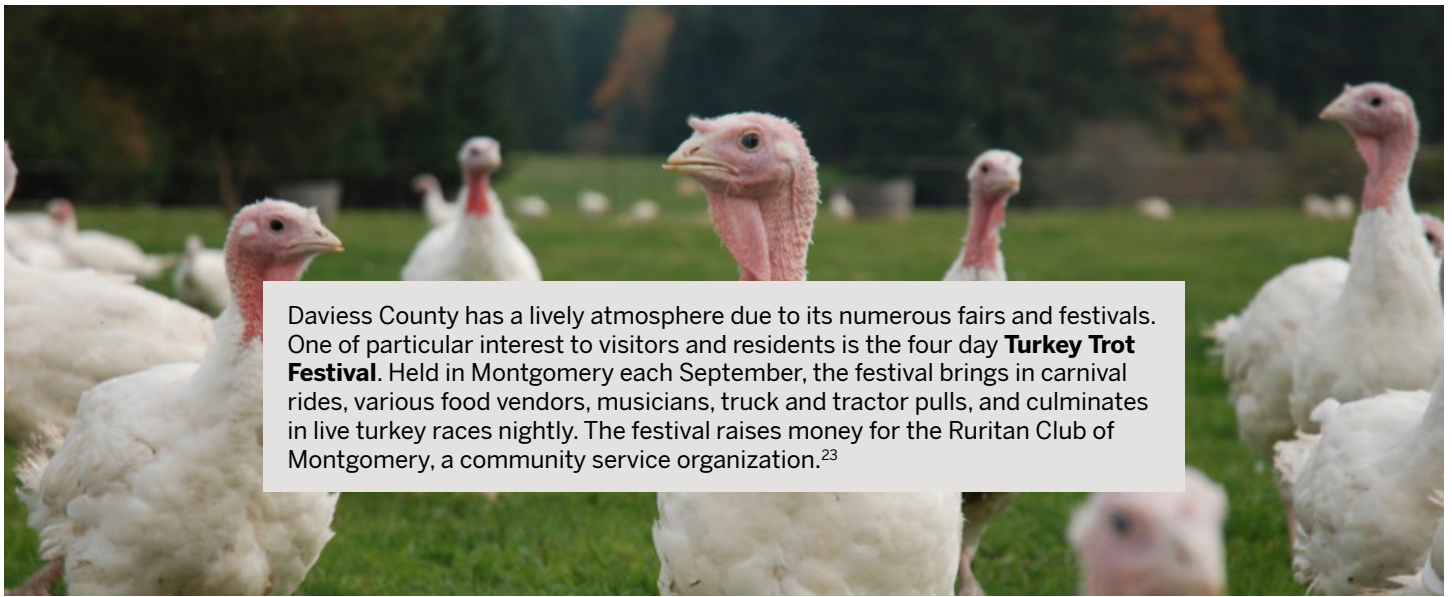
Health Provider Ratios

NUMBER OF PATIENTS PER PROVIDER



Medical and behavioral health providers can help address issues such as diabetes, obesity, smoking, and excessive alcohol consumption, and they can provide assistance to those struggling with mental health and substance use—issues currently facing many Hoosiers. Residents of Daviess County have less access to both primary care physicians and behavioral health practitioners than the average Hoosier. In Daviess County, there is one primary care physician available for every 3,562 residents and one behavioral health practitioner available for every 4,209 residents.^{21,22}

Highlights



Daviess County has a lively atmosphere due to its numerous fairs and festivals. One of particular interest to visitors and residents is the four day **Turkey Trot Festival**. Held in Montgomery each September, the festival brings in carnival rides, various food vendors, musicians, truck and tractor pulls, and culminates in live turkey races nightly. The festival raises money for the Ruritan Club of Montgomery, a community service organization.²³

There are many things to do outdoors in Daviess County. **West Boggs Park** provides camping opportunities, fishing and boating off of West Boggs Lake, as well as a nine-hole golf course. Glendale Fish and Wildlife area boasts quality hunting and fishing opportunities on more than 8,000 acres of land and more than 1,400 acres of lakes. Visitors can also enjoy camping, boating, wildlife watching, trapping, as well as gathering blackberries, persimmon, hickory nuts, morels and walnuts around the wildlife area.²⁴



Daviess County has a number of historical attractions that teach visitors important lessons about the county's past. At the **Daviess County Historical Society**, visitors can learn about life during the founding of the county, its history on the frontier, and its past and current importance in the railway industry. Daviess County also hosts a Civil War Reenactment each summer complete with activities for people of all ages and many educational and shopping opportunities.²⁵



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